

REMARKS

Claims 1-60 are now pending in the application.

ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

The Examiner asserts that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1 to 21, 29 to 40 and 50 to 60, drawn to a combustion system for a turbine, classified in class 60, subclass 723.

II. Claims 22 to 28 and 41 to 49, drawn to a method of combusting fuel in a combustor classified in class 60, subclass 777.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the Restriction Requirement since it appears that the subject matter defined within all the groups of claims is similar. Consequently, the field of search for each group should be essentially coextensive. Thus, the burden on the Examiner will not be significant to maintain each group of claims in this application. nevertheless, to be fully responsive the Applicant elects, with traverse, to have the claims of Group I (Claims 1 to 21, 29 to 40 and 50 to 60) to be first examined. The Applicant maintains the right to file further applications regarding the non-elected claims.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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